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Application No.: 10/782,165

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After the foregoing Amendment, claims 1-31 and 38-45 are currently pending in this application. Claims 32-37 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-31, 38-40, and 43 are amended. In the specification, paragraph [0014] is amended. Applicant submits that no new matter has been introduced into the application by these amendments.

Objections to the Specification

The Examiner objected to the term "PCN" in paragraph [0014] of the specification because it is an acronym. The specification has been amended to formally define this term at paragraph [0014], the first point at which the acronym appears. The withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claim 5 because of the dependency of the claim is missing. Claim 5 has been amended to correct the missing dependency. The withdrawal of the objection to the claim 5 is respectfully requested.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 29, 31, 36 and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 36 has been canceled. In view of the foregoing amendment, rejection of claim 36 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is now moot.

Claims 29, 31, and 38 have been amended to set forth proper antecedent basis. The withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection of claims 29, 31, and 38 is respectfully requested.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-19 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,243,370. A Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith to overcome the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection. The withdrawal of the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 1-19 is respectfully requested.

Claims 20-31, 38 and 39 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,407,989. A Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith to

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overcome the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection. The withdrawal of the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 20-31, 38 and 39 is respectfully requested.

Claims 40-45 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,711,145. A Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith to overcome the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection. The withdrawal of the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 40-45 is respectfully requested.

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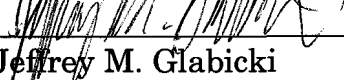
Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephonic interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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